(b) These ad hoc doctors are from various departments of the Institute.

(c) This is a matter entirely wihin the purview of the Institute which is a statutory autonomous body.

Over-Crowding in AIIMS

675. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over-crowding in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences is worse than the district level hospitals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that over-crowding was due to the lack of facility of such treatment in other hospitals; and

(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take to check the over-crowding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The Government is aware of the over-crowding in OPD at AIIMS hospital.

(b) Over-crowding in AIIMS is partly due to sophisticated diagnostic treatment facilities not being available in all other hospitals and secondly because it is not being treated as tertiary care referral hospital.

(c) It is proposed to have a screening OPD to cope with the patients rush.

Appointment of the President of AIIMS

676. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be peased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Health and Family Welfare becomes the President of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Institute automatically or by appointment.

(b) whether the person holding these offices ceases to hold the same automatically resignation/by removal when he/she ceases to be a Minister; and

(c) under what circumstances the Minister, who was holding these offices, continued to be there even after he resigned from his ministerial post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The President of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences is nominated by the Central Government from amongst the members other than the Dirctor of the Institute under Section 7(1) of the AIIMS Act, 1956. The President of the Institute is also the Chairman of the Governing Body of the Institute under Regulation 5 of the AIIMS Regulation, 1958.

(b) and (c) A person ceases to hold these offices when he resigns or is removed by due process of law. The question whether he ceases to hold these offices automatically if he ceases to hold the office of Minister is under examination.

Delayed Notification of the Transplantation of Humtn Organs Act

677. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the reported-kidney sale racket unearthed in one of the

reputed hospitals in Bangalore involving Government Doctors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the delay in notification of the Translation of Human Organs Act, passed by Parliament on June 14, 1994, has helped in breathing life into the illegal trade in kidneys; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delaying the notification of this Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on complaints regarding illegal removal of kidneys from unsuspecting blood donors in Karnataka, two FIRs have been lodged on 21-1-95 and 29.1.95 respectively. One doctor was arrested and later on released on bail. Two other doctors have been deregistered by the Karnataka Medical Council.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Memorandum Against the ban on sale and use of Tobacco

678. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Trade Unions have jointly submitted a memorandum to Government appealing to desist from the proposed legislation banning the sale and use of tobacco; and

(b) if so, the details of the memorandum and reaction of Government to the suggestion and demands they have made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Labour has been advised to clarify to the Trade Unions that the proposed legislation does not envisage a ban on the use of sale of Tobacco. It merely seeks to ban advertisements of Tobacco products.

Investment in Tamil Nadu by NRIs from Singapore

679 SHRI V RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Non Resident Indians from Singapore who have come forward to invest in Tamil Nadu during the current financial year; and

(b) the facilities offered by the State Government to those NRIs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 17 proposals involving NRI investment of Rs. 1707.23 lakh have received Govt. approval during 1.4.94 to 28.2.1995 for setting up industries in the State of Tamil Nadu. According to records, one proposal is from an NRI based in Singapore and involves an investment of Rs. 60.00 lakhs for setting up a Waste Paper Treatment Plant.

(b) Inter alia, the State Govt. provides infrastructural facilities like land, power etc. for setting up industries.

Declaring 1995-96 as SSI year

680. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared 1995-96 as the SSI year:

(b) if so, the details of the plan to boost this sector during the year; and